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SUBJ: CIVAIR: REQUEST FOR INSPECTION AIRCRAFT

1. GENERAL CASANOVAS, GOB UNDERSECRETARY FOR CIVIL AVIATION AND PROBABLY CHAIRMAN GOB DEL TO CIVAIR TALKS IN MARCH, ASKED EMBASSY TO LOOK INTO POSSIBILITY THAT FAA MIGHT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE BOLIVIA WITH AIRCRAFT FOR INSPECTION OF IN-COUNTRY AIR NAVIGATION AIDS. CASANOVAS HAS READ IN TRADE JOURNALS THAT FAA NOW DISPOSING OF SEVERAL DC-3S EQUIPPED TO SURVEY AIDS.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT DEPARTMENT CHECK WITH FAA ABOUT AVAILABILITY OF AIRCRAFT AND TERMS OF TRANSFER SO EMBASSY CAN REPLY TO CASANOVAS.

3. COMMENT: BOLIVIANS RELY ON AIRCRAFT TO MAKE CONNECTIONS AROUND THIS COUNTRY'S UNDEVELOPED AND EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TERRAIN. TWO OF THE MANY CRASHES THAT OCCURRED IN LAST RAINY SEASON MAY HAVE BEEN DUE TO ERRORS IN NAVIGATIONAL AIDS. EMBASSY CONCLUDES THAT GOB WOULD PUT INSPECTION AIRCRAFT TO GOOD USE, BUT SUSPECTS CASANOVAS LOOKING FOR OUTRIGHT GIFT. STEDMAN

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